



### Bureau for Counterfeit and Document Examinations (BCDE)\*

#### Quick Facts

- The BCDE\* delivers services from its two sites located in Ottawa and Edmonton.
- In 2003, the BCDE processed and classified 443,300 banknotes submitted with no suspect having been identified. Most of these banknotes were found to be counterfeit.

#### Overview

The Bureau for Counterfeits and Document Examinations (BCDE)\* is one component of the RCMP's National Police Services (NPS) and is comprised of two fields of expertise: counterfeits and documents.

#### Counterfeits

The counterfeits component examines suspected travel documents including passports and visas, as well as currency and credit cards, to determine if they are genuine or if they have been altered.

#### Counterfeits:

- conducts forensic examination of Canadian and foreign banknotes and coins, travel documents and payment cards; and
- classifies and records information pertaining to banknotes and counterfeit travel documents and disseminates to Canadian law enforcement, and to friendly foreign agencies on a bilateral basis.

#### Documents

The documents component of BCDE examines questioned documents to identify author, method of production, and if they have been altered.

#### Documents:

- conducts handwriting and handprinting comparisons;
- establishes the means, media and materials used to produce documents (e.g. typewriters, computer printers, photocopiers, facsimiles, cheque writers, rubber stamps, and other graphic art media);
- determines alterations, additions or deletions of documents;
- restores documents damaged by fire, water or other substances; and
- detects and deciphers latent or partially hidden indentations.

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